

Compensation to kith and kin of BSF Jawans died in the attack by Bangladesh Rifles

1096. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any compensation has been paid to the next kith and kin of the BSF Jawans who died in the attack by the Bangladesh Rifles;
- (b) whether any treatment and compensation paid to the injured Jawans too; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE' MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes Sir, An *ex-gratia* grant of Rs. 7.5 lakhs and a grant of Rs. 2.5 lakhs out of National Defence Fund in addition to the special pensionary benefits which is admissible in such cases has been paid to next of kin of each of the BSF Jawans who died—except in one case where the *ex-gratia* grant/special pensionary benefit has not been released due to a dispute regarding the next of kin.

(b) and (c) Lumpsum grants are payable to injured persons in lieu of disability after an assessment of their disability by a medical board after completion of the treatment. As per extant rules, persons who are rendered disabled in enemy action etc., and boarded out of services are entitled to disability pension and other service benefits like, GPF, CGEGIS, Leave Encashment, DCRG.

Rehabilitation of children of women prisoners

1097. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Centre plans to frame a proper scheme to rehabilitate the children of women prisoners lodged in jails with their mothers for no fault of theirs;
- (b) if so, what is the total number of such children;

- (c) by what time the said scheme is likely to be framed; and
- (d) whether this move was pursuant to the Supreme Court's guidelines to help these children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits

† 1098. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Kashmiri Pandits residing as refugees in the country including Delhi, as on date;
- (b) the steps taken for their rehabilitation;
- (c) whether the purpose of terrorists is to displace Hindu Families from the valley by force; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to check the insurgency in Jammu and Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a)

As per available information, 19338 Kashmiri Migrant Families are staying in Delhi and 2710 families in other States/UTs. There are 31490 families staying at Jammu.

(b) In October, 2000, Government of Jammu and Kashmir submitted an Action Plan for the Return and Rehabilitation of Kashmiri migrants involving a total amount of Rs. 2589.73 crores. The Action Plan envisages rehabilitation grant per family @ Rs. 1.50 lakhs; grant for repair of houses @ Rs. 1 lakh for houses intact and P.s. 3 lakhs for houses damaged; grant for household goods

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